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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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☐ a sequence listing  
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material  
☐ in written format  
☐ in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing  
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☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V**

**Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1-20</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

**2. Citations and explanations:**

Document 1: JP, 11-107861, A (Toyota Motor Corp.), 20 April, 1999 (20.04.99), paragraphs 0051-0055, figure 9 & US, 6055968, A1 & EP, 896141, A2

Document 2: JP, 2000-73803, A (Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.), 07 March, 2000 (07.03.00), full text, all drawings, (Family: none)

Document 3: JP, 57-20528, A (Toyota Motor Corp.), 03 February, 1982 (03.02.82), full text, figure 2, (Family: none)

Claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 14-16, 19, and 20:

Documents 1 and 2:

An internal combustion engine control method and device that a) opens a throttle valve in the first load region of no-load to predetermined load, b) fully opens a throttle valve in the second load region exceeding the above-mentioned predetermined load, and c) obtains the largest EGR rate in the same predetermined load is described in document 1 cited in the ISR. Also, an internal combustion engine control method and device that controls the EGR rate according to non-overlap time of the intake valve and exhaust valve is described in document 2 cited in the ISR.

Claims 2, 7, 12, and 17:

Documents 1 and 2:

An internal combustion engine control method and device that does not perform EGR control during engine warm-up or controls the opening of a throttle valve for load during engine warm-up is common-knowledge technology.

Claims 3, 8, 13, and 18:

Documents 1, 2, and 3:

An internal combustion engine control method and device that controls the rise of EGR rate in the load region of no-load to middle load is described in document 3 cited in the ISR.